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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit, herewith, the English translation of a note verbale dated 22 January 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD-HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 22 January 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following.

According to the report received from the relevant Iranian authorities, four armed individuals aboard one grey-coloured Iraqi vessel, having infiltrated the internal waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran (near to the Bahmanshir river), beat the occupants of an Iranian fishing boat and stole all their effects, as well as the vessel's motor.

This is to recall that, with regard to similar cases, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has repeatedly conveyed, by the means of notes verbale, as well as in the course of bilateral meetings between the concerned officials of the foreign ministries of the two countries, its deep concern to the authorities of the Republic of Iraq regarding intensification of such attacks and their resulting adverse consequences. However, despite the continuous efforts made by the Islamic Republic of Iran to removing tension and restore security and peace in the region - to the point of even sometimes overlooking the illegal entry of Iraqi fishermen into its waters - regrettably, the Government of Iraq has so far failed to adopt any serious and effective measures to prevent the recurrence and continuation of such attacks.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, strongly protests against these sorts of attacks and, while warning against the consequences of continuation of such acts, holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for any adverse resulting consequences.